

WASTE REDUCTION TIP SHEET • HOTELS/MOTELS

OPERATIONS:

- ☐ Recycle cardboard from shipments or arrange for your supplier to re-use the cardboard.
- ☐ Ask your suppliers to reduce their packaging.
- ☐ Use rechargeable batteries in beepers, flashlights, etc.
- ☐ For maintenance operations, use latex instead of oil based paint.
- ☐ Use refillable containers (spray bottles) for cleaning supplies rather than disposable containers.
- ☐ Replace aerosol cans with spray pumps when possible.
- ☐ Look for disposable items that make up large quantities of your trash. If possible, replace them with reusable or recyclable materials.
- ☐ Use paper products with recycled content.
- ☐ Reuse the pallets that your supplies are shipped on or return them to the supplier.
- ☐ Recycle newspapers that are left over from sales in the lobby or in the guest rooms.
- ☐ Recycle aluminum cans & plastic bottles from restaurant and bar areas as well as the guest rooms.
- ☐ Donate used linens, blankets, food and furniture to local shelters.

DURABLE GOODS:

- ☐ Install low flush toilets, low flow shower heads and faucet aerators to save water.
- ☐ Consider carpet or carpet tiles made of recycled plastic.
- ☐ Purchase high quality, durable equipment with good service contracts.
- ☐ Use ceramic or plastic mugs for employees' drinks instead of disposable ones.
- ☐ Donate used furnishings, carpet and equipment to non-profit organizations.

FOOD SERVICE:

- ☐ Make cleaning rags or chefs' aprons from torn or stained linens.
- ☐ Use durable rather than disposable dishes, utensils, glasses and napkins whenever possible.
- ☐ Offer fountain beverages in glasses, not disposable cups, except in pool areas.
- ☐ For popular brands of beer, serve on draught rather than in bottles.
- ☐ Purchase reusable mesh coffee filters.
- ☐ Buy food supplies in the largest possible container (e.g., rice in fifty pound sacks rather than five pound boxes).
- ☐ Ask vendors to deliver meat in bulk rather than shrink wrapping each piece.
- ☐ Replace single serving breakfast cereal boxes with larger multi-serving boxes or dispensers that hold bulk quantities, whenever possible.
- ☐ Serve condiments in small dishes instead of miniature bottles for room service.
- ☐ Recycle glass bottles and jars from restaurant and bar areas.
- ☐ Donate banquet leftovers to homeless shelters or other charitable groups.

GUEST ROOMS:

- ☐ Offer a "no-clean" option card in guest rooms. Instruct guests to leave the card on their pillow if they want to decline having linens changed and towels or toiletries replaced.
 - ☐ Let guests know where they can recycle newspapers and containers from vending machines and offer paper recycling in business centers.
 - ☐ Donate used soaps and shampoo bottles to homeless shelters.
- Note: bar soaps must dry out before they can be reused.*

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